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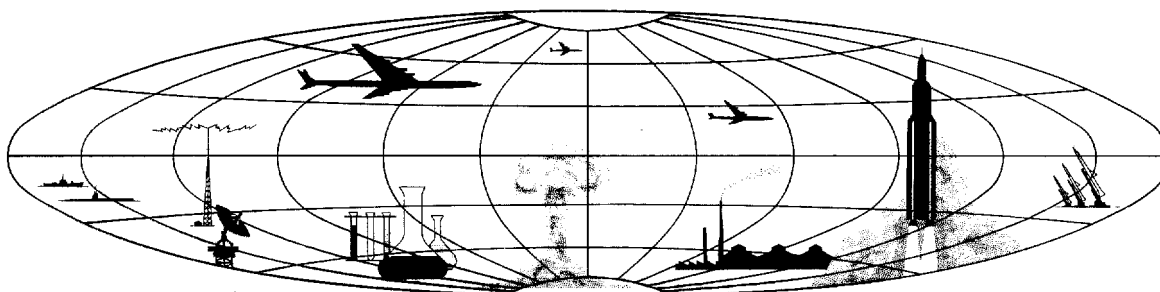
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## PORT FACILITIES, WU-HAN, CHINA

### INTRODUCTION

This report is one of a series describing Chinese Communist shipyards and ports as observed on aerial photography.

The Wu-han Complex [redacted] China, composed of the cities of Han-kow, Wu-chang and Han-yang, is located at the confluence of the Chang Chiang and Han Chiang (Rivers) at 30-35N 114-17E. The port facilities in this complex extend along both banks of the Chang Chiang (Yangtze River) for approximately 11.5 nautical miles in a NE/SW direction.

### DESCRIPTION

The port facilities consist of 3 shipyard/repair yards, 32 pontoon wharves, with length of faces measuring more than 80 feet, and 4

piers. All wharves have road access from approaches but vehicles cannot drive onto any of the pontoons. Rail service is limited to 17 wharves with access near the approaches, but rail service does not extend onto any of the wharves.

Only minor changes in facilities have been noted [redacted] with no major construction or renovation taking place. The seasonal flooding of the river possibly leads to the continual minor changes in the facilities.

A mechanical handling facility for the off-loading of ore is located between wharves 5 and 6. Two breasting platforms are located at 29. A coaling facility utilizing these 2 platforms became operational [redacted]

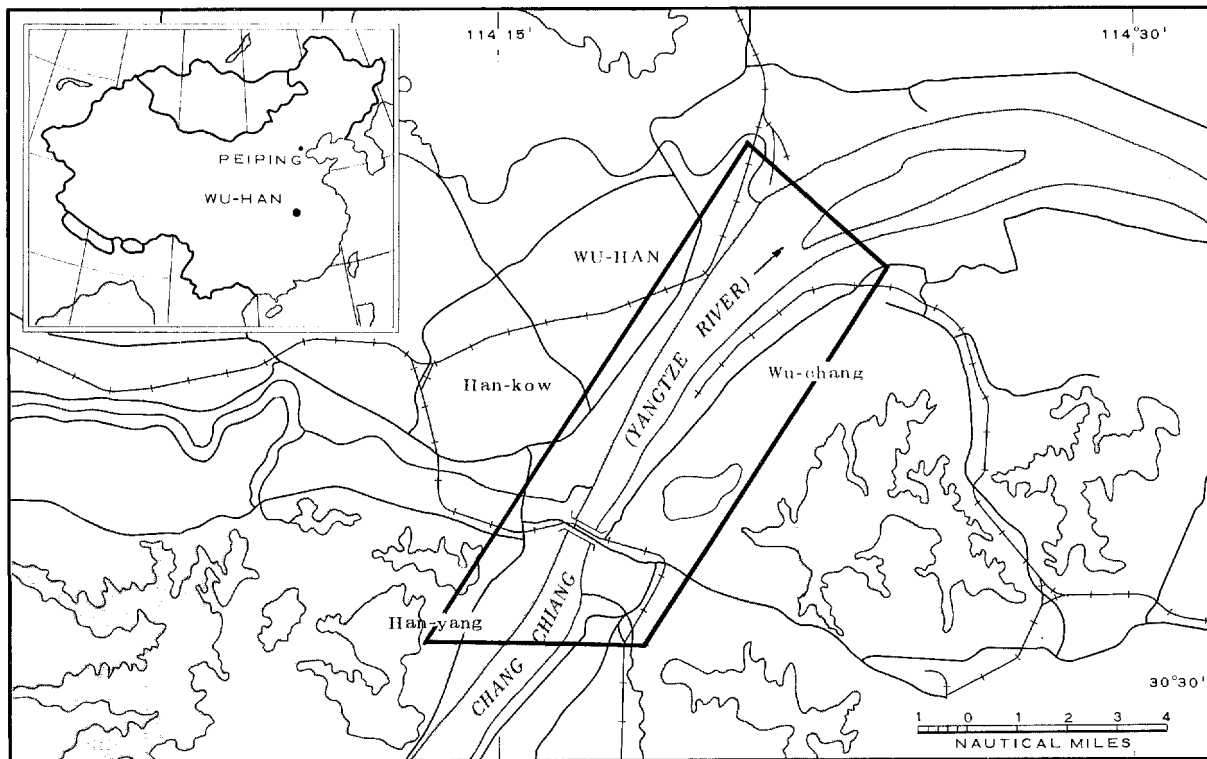


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF PORT FACILITIES, WU-HAN, CHINA.

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[REDACTED]

storage area is located on the west bank of the river opposite the Wu-chang Shipyard (Figure 5).

There are three shipyard/repair yards in the complex: the Wu-chang Shipyard, Wu-han (No I, Figure 5); The Ferry Corporation Shipyard (No II, Figure 5); and an unnamed yard (No III, Figure 5). The Wu-chang Shipyard contains 14 building/repairways and is described in detail in NPIC Report R-71/65. The Ferry Corporation Shipyard contains 4 sheds: two 165 by 75 feet and two 165 by 60 feet. No marine railways, craneways or cranes are visible. Vessels are beached and possibly winched in from the water's edge. The distance from the shoreline to the sheds was 310 feet on the [REDACTED] photography but varies with seasonal flooding of the river [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] there were 10 minor river vessels and one 135- by 25-foot probable minor surface combatant hull. Seven minor surface vessels and 2 probable floating cranes were observed [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The unnamed shipyard has 5 sheds, each 100 by 45 feet. A probable marine railroad extends 310 feet from the shoreline to the southernmost shed. Vessels are beached along a 7,000-foot front. No cranes or craneways are visible. Fifteen minor unidentified river vessels were observed along the beach [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and only 7 minor surface vessels [REDACTED]

Numerous river vessels are moored along the Chang Chiang (River). None appears to have a military connotation. A river barge

Table 1. Pontoon Wharves (Keyed to Figures 2-5)

Item	Face (ft)	Width (ft)	Description
1	240	25	
2	165	35	
3	105	25	
4	80	25	
5	115	25	
6	140	25	
7	170	25	
8	100	25	
9	265	40	
10	210	25	
11	170	25	
12	230	25	
13	150	25	
14	160	25	
15	240	40	Covered
16	320	55	Covered
17	290	55	Covered
18	240	40	Covered
19	220	30	
20	250	50	
21	250	50	Covered
22	340	50	
23	310	50	Covered
24	250	30	
25	280	35	Covered
26	240	35	Covered
27	240	35	Covered
28	330	30	
29	2 Breasting platforms		
30	110	25	Covered
31	110	25	Covered
32	120	25	Covered
33	280	40	

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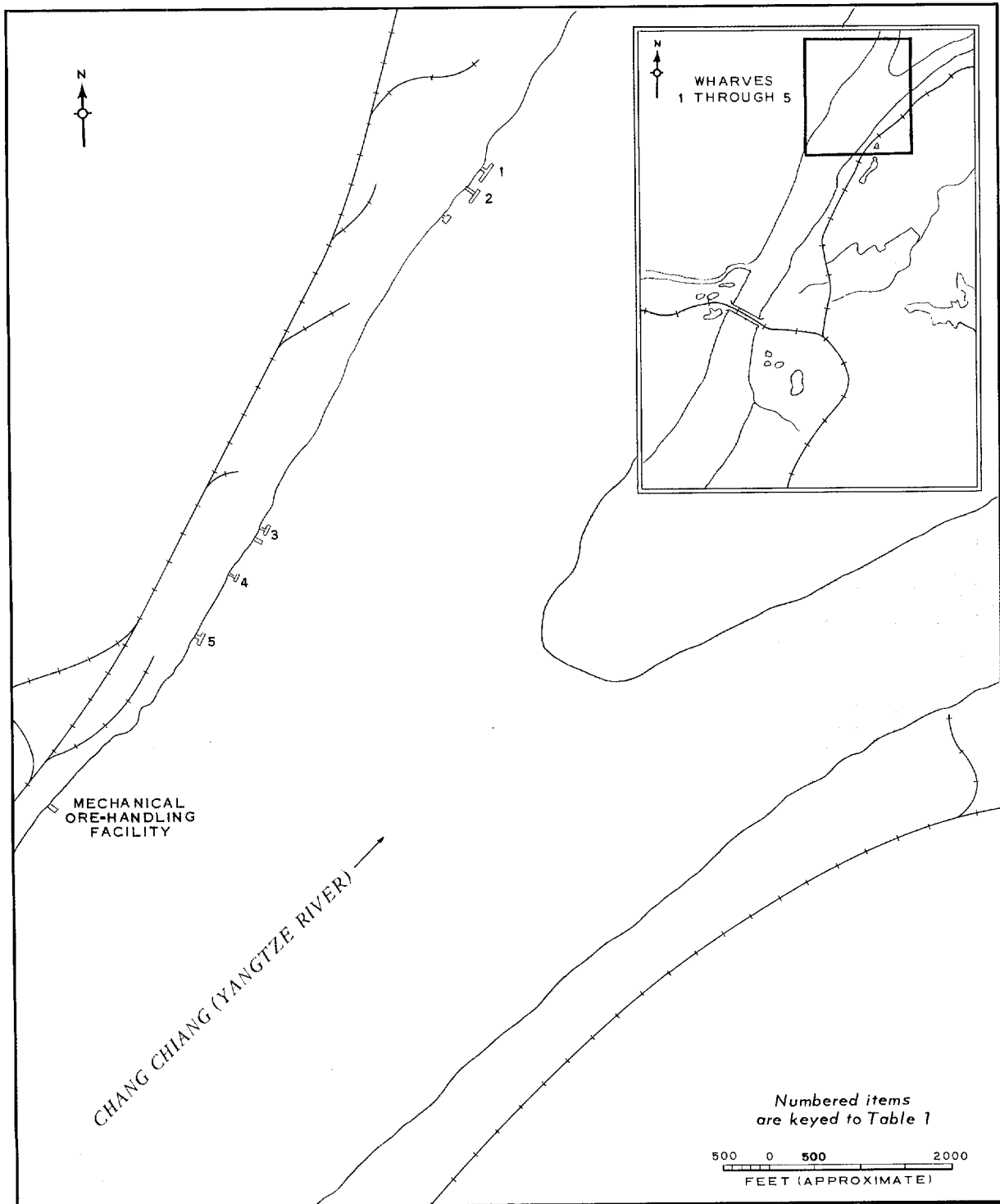


FIGURE 2. PONTOON WHARVES, WU-HAN, CHINA.

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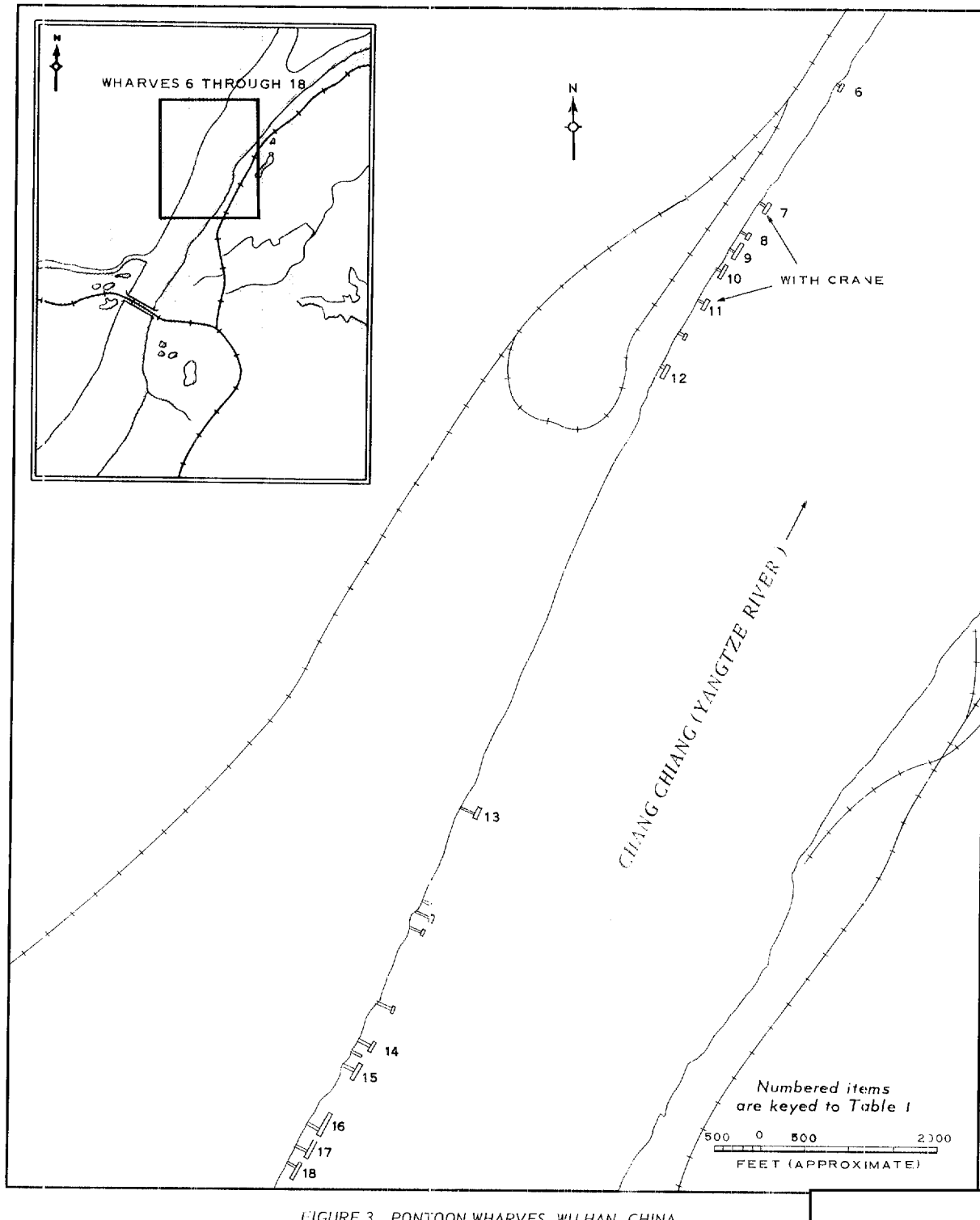


FIGURE 3. PONTOON WHARVES, WU-HAN, CHINA.

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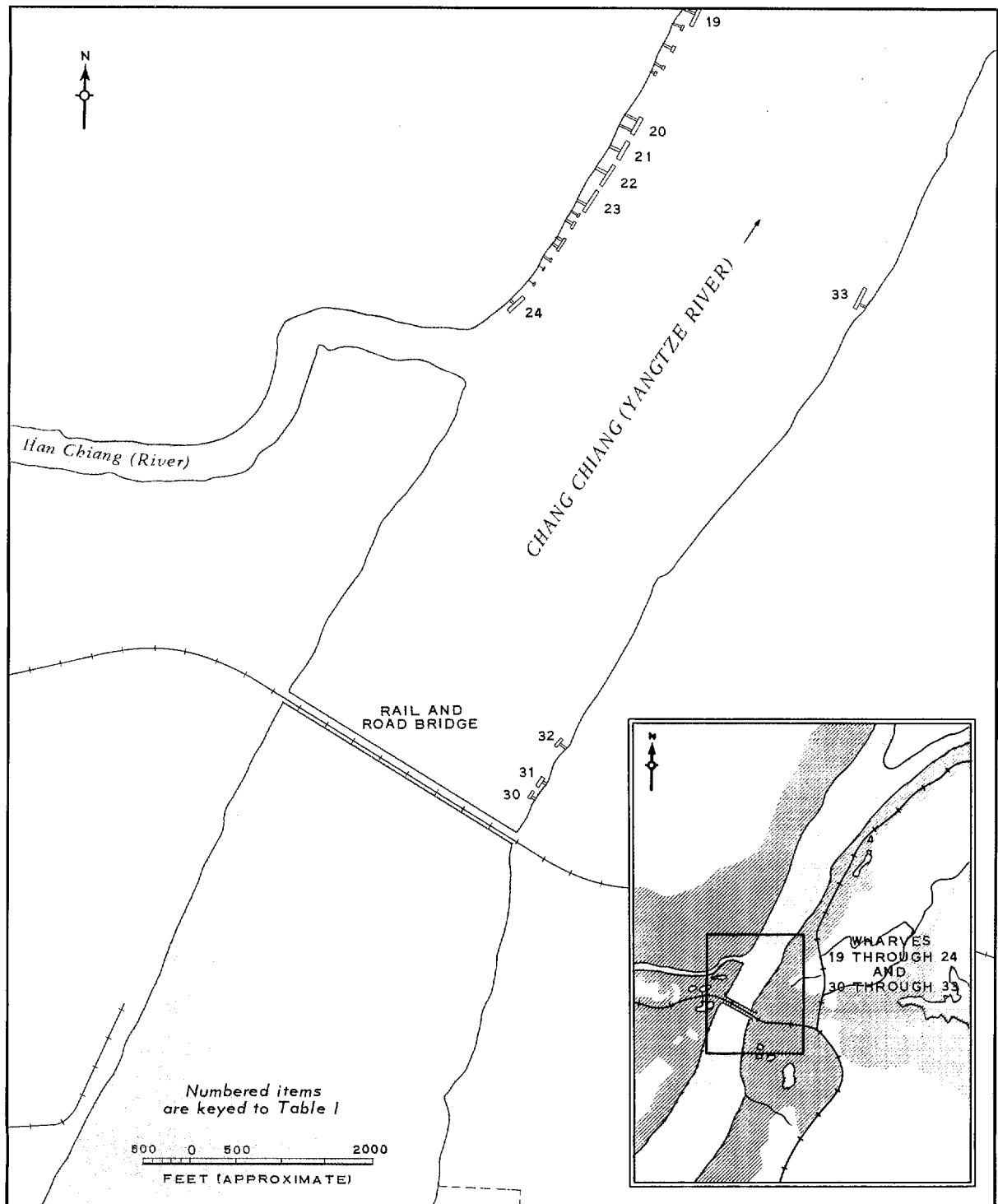


FIGURE 4. PONTOON WHARVES, WU-HAN, CHINA.

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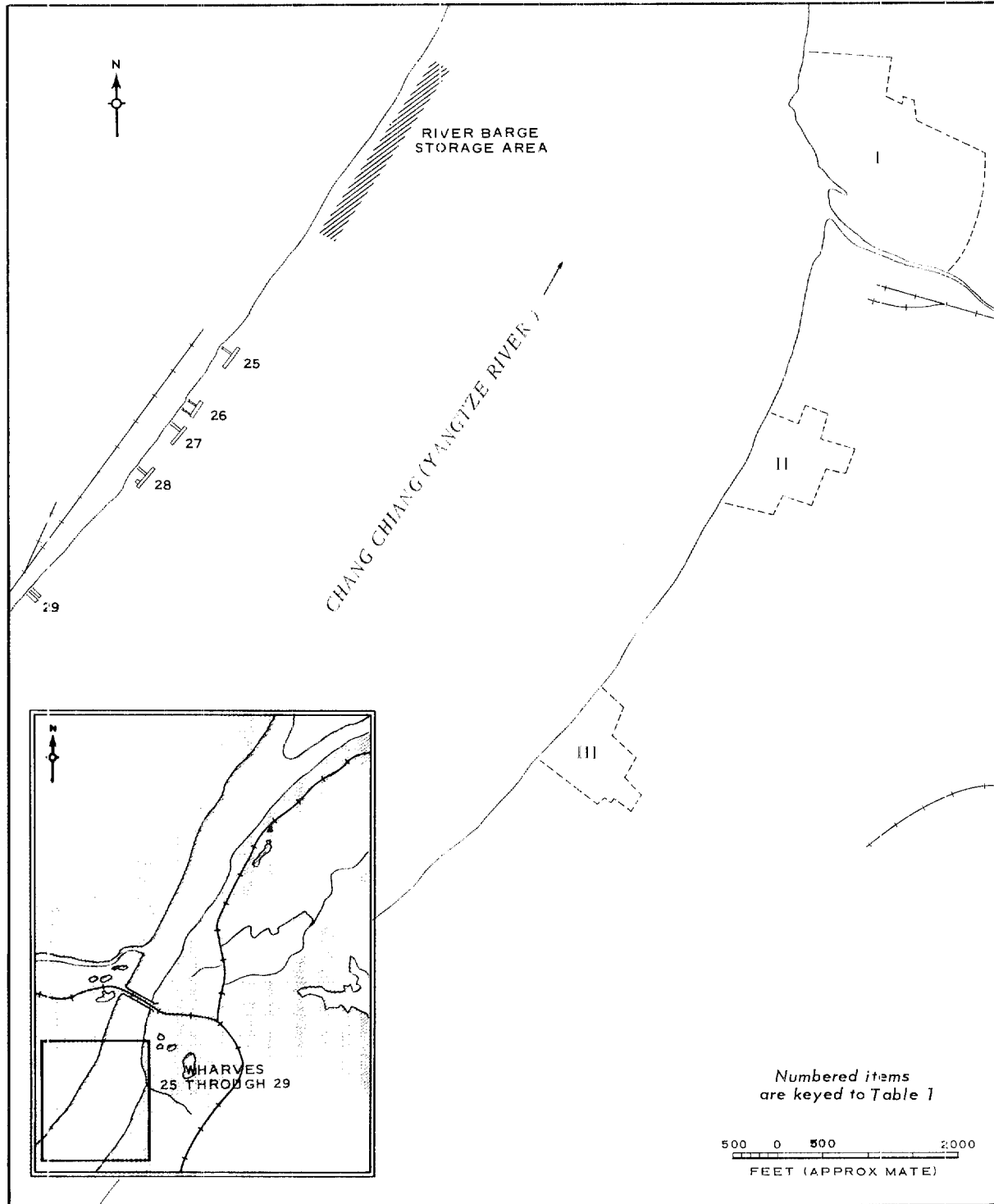


FIGURE 5. PONTOON WHARVES, WU-HAN, CHINA.

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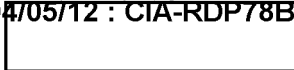
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